

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Maine Land Use Planning Commission

The Maine Land Use Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the application of Maine RSA #4, Inc. d/b/a U.S. Cellular Corporation (“USCC,” with an agent’s address of Black Diamond Consultants, Inc., Attn: James Hébert, PO Box 57 Gardiner, ME, 04345) to develop a Utility Facility, specifically a 250 foot telecommunications tower (the Facility), on property owned by Christopher Cochran located off of West Street in Big Lake Township (shown in the Registry of Deeds as Map 4, Lot 25), Washington County. The purpose of the hearing is to allow the applicant, interested groups and the general public to learn about the proposal and present testimony and evidence as to whether the applicant’s proposal meets the criteria for approval under 12 M.R.S. § 685-B(4) and Chapter 10 of the Commission’s rules.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at the Princeton Elementary School located at 289 Main St. in Princeton, Maine. All interested persons are invited to attend and to offer testimony on the proposal. A person may, but is not required to, submit written testimony before the hearing. A person also may petition to intervene in the hearing, but is not required to do so to testify or submit written comments. Persons interested in seeking intervenor status must file a petition to intervene with the Commission pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedures Act (5 M.R.S., Chapter 375) and Chapter 5 of the Commission’s rules by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2014.

The record of the August 13, 2014 hearing will remain open for a period of 12 days until Monday, **August 25, 2014**, to allow interested persons to file written statements with the Commission, and for an additional 8 days until Tuesday, **September 2, 2014**, to allow interested persons to file written statements in rebuttal of any statements filed during the previous 12 day period. The record of the hearing will then close. Written comments should be sent to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission – Bangor Office, 106 Hogan Road, Suite 8, Bangor, ME 04401. Comments also may be submitted by e-mail to karen.bolstridge@maine.gov.

Persons with disabilities planning to attend the hearing are requested to inform the Commission in advance so that arrangements can be made for services they may require.

Full copies of the permit application may be viewed at the Commission’s office at 106 Hogan Road in Bangor (207-941-4052) or 18 Elkins Lane in Augusta (207-287-2631). To view the application, please call the respective office in advance. Persons having questions may contact Karen Bolstridge (207-941-4052).

The hearing will be held under authority of 12 M.R.S., Chapter 206-A and will be conducted in accordance with the Commission's Chapter 5 Rules for the Conduct of Public Hearings.